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SUBJ: THE AFCC AND THE EMPEROR

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1. INFORMATION REACHING EMBASSY STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT FUTURE OF EMPEROR AND MONARCHY REPAIDLY BECOMING SUBJECT OF SHARPENING DEBATE WITHIN AFCC.

2. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, AFCC RADICALS INSIST "EMPEROR MUST GO" BUT WANT HIM FIRST TO REPATRIATE HIS OVERSEAS ASSETS. MODERATES REPORTEDLY ALSO WANT THE MONEY TO RETURN TO NATIONAL TREASURY BUT WOULD BE PREPARED PERMIT MONARCH RETAIN CROWN AND LIVE OUT HIS YEARS IN PEACE.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW AT PRESENT WHICH WAY DEBATE GOING, ALTHOUGH MEDIA TREATMENT OF EMPEROR AND IMPERIAL FAMILY VERY RAPIDLY BECOMING MORE AND MORE CRITICAL. CONCURRENTLY, SYCOPHANTIC TREATMENT OF AFCC AND MILITARY MOVEMENT GENERALLY HAS CLEARLY
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GREATLY ACCELERATED. THIS LEADING OBSERVERS HERE TO SEPCULATE

THAT DENOUEMENT COULD COME FASTER THAN ANTICIPATED, POSSIBLY
WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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